All Things Must Come to an End....

After more than 20 years at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, I will be leaving to begin a new adventure at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill in July. Since I have been producing this newsletter for so many years, I'm going to take this opportunity to wax nostalgic about my time here.

My first two years at UNMC were in the Department of Surgery, first as the chair's secretary then as residency coordinator. In 1997, Dr. Jim Harper took a chance and hired me to be the medical student coordinator for the Department of Pediatrics. From that point forward, my career trajectory was on a fast track.

In taking that role, Dr. Fred McCurdy and I were able to undertake educational research projects because he had collected so much evaluation data from the curricular changes made in the 90s. This was my first foray into research and prompted me to pursue my masters in mathematics. From there it was an easy transition into a doctoral program in educational psychology.

During all of this, Dr. Bruce Buehler allowed me to get more involved in regional and national medical education organizations and Dr. John Sparks continued to support my activities. Alongside Dr. Sharon Stoolman, we were able to undertake numerous projects to present nationally and internationally as well as publish. These opportunities generated so many relationships with other phenomenal medical educators who have also been instrumental in getting me to this point in life.

In 2013, Dr. Gerald Moore brought me into the Dean's office to run the Office of Medical Education. During that time we've gone through accreditation site visits and a curriculum overhaul. These activities have helped shape me even further as an educator and researcher.

There have been so many other people along the way who have been instrumental in my career and life. I can't thank everyone enough for these opportunities.
Even though I will be working with the entire School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, I will continue to be a faculty member in pediatrics. Hopefully our paths will cross at a meeting in the future.

House Officer Transitions

- Jenna Allison will be staying in Omaha to begin her fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of Nebraska.
- Courtney Backer will be moving to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to join the Avera Group to practice General Pediatrics.
- Whitney Bossert will be staying in Omaha to join the Pediatric Hospitalist group at Children's Hospital & Medical Center.
- Lina Castillo will be moving to Hermiston, Oregon to join the Pediatric Gastroenterology Group at the Good Shepherd Medical Center.
- David Freestone will be staying in Omaha to join the faculty in Pediatric Gastroenterology at The Nebraska Medical Center and Children's Hospital & Medical Center.
- Amy Goldstein will be staying in Omaha to join the Pediatric Hospitalist group at Children's Hospital & Medical Center.
- Karisa Hajek will be staying in Omaha to be the Chief Resident for the Internal Medicine Department.
- Amanda Jepson will be staying in Omaha to begin her fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Nebraska.
- Sarah Kesterson will be moving to Columbia, Missouri to join the Pediatric Faculty at the University of Missouri.
- Rebecca Martin will be moving to Salina, Kansas to join the Salina Regional Health Center Group and practice General Pediatrics.
- Aleisha Nabower will be staying in Omaha to join the Pediatric Hospitalist group at Children's Hospital & Medical Center.
- Jessica Najarian-Bell will be moving to Iowa City, Iowa to join the faculty at the University of Iowa for one year and will join the Stillwater Medical Group in Stillwater MN to practice General Pediatrics in 2019.
- Warapan Nakayuenyongsuk will be staying in Omaha to join the faculty in the Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology Division at The Nebraska Medical Center and Children's Hospital & Medical Center.
- Rachel Naslund will be moving to Cambridge, Minnesota to join the Alina Health Group to practice General Pediatrics.
- Adam Norton will be staying in Omaha to join the Pediatric Faculty and will be the Chief Resident.
- Christopher Park will be moving to Chapel Hill, North Carolina to begin his fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of North Carolina.
- Chelsie Tellman will be staying in Omaha to join the Boystown Pediatric Group to practice General Pediatrics.
- Jessica Upchurch will be staying in Omaha and will be working at the Children's Urgent Care and UNMC Immediate Access Care.
- Asha Vaikom House will be moving to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to join the Pediatric Cardiology faculty at the University of Oklahoma.
- Austin VandeBerg will be moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado to join the Pediatric Specialists group to practice General Pediatrics.

Pediatric House Officer Teaching Awards
• Jason Burrows, M.D.; Outstanding Academic Faculty Member Teaching Award
• Katherine E. McGraw, M.D.; Gilbert C. Schreiner, M.D. Outstanding Community Faculty Member Teaching Award
• Amy Lynn Goldstein, M.D.; Deborah Munson Barger Outstanding Resident Award
• Aleisha Marie Nabower, M.D.; Dr. George Miyzakai Research Award

• Lifetime Distinguished Medical Education Award
  ○ Bruce Buehler, M.D.
  ○ Kevin Corley, M.D.
  ○ Paul D. Larsen, M.D.

• Gary L. Beck Dallaghan, Ph.D.; Special Recognition for Support and Dedication to the Residency Program Award

• PICU Faculty; Outstanding Academic Division Teaching Award

Medical Student Teaching Awards

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER 2018 STUDENT TEACHING AWARDS

Faculty

• Jason Burrows, M.D.

House Officer

• Amanda Jepson, M.D.

Outstanding Children’s Physician

• Steve Sindelar, M.D.

Nebraska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

• Amanda Dave, M.D.

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Faculty

• Paul Larsen, M.D.

Volunteer Faculty

• Kent Kronberg, M.D.

Community Faculty

• J.D. Law, M.D.
• Melissa Law, M.D.

Fellow

• Aileen Aldrich, M.D.
House Officer

- Jenna Allison, M.D.

Nebraska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

- Shannon Haines, M.D.

Mark Husk Pediatric Scholar

- Joseph Pachunka, M.D.